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### **DuPont Louisville Site Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award**

*Employees work more than 1.1 million hours without a lost-time incident*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (June 28, 2014)** – Secretary Larry L. Roberts of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet joined employees and company officials in Louisville today to honor DuPont with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. Employees at the DuPont Louisville facility have worked 1,158,625 hours without a lost-time incident or illness.

"DuPont is a global science company with a tradition of making innovative products," said Secretary Roberts. "It's a testament to our workforce and logistics that DuPont has such a successful presence in Kentucky, and we applaud the company's commitment to safety at the Louisville facility."

DuPont first began manufacturing gunpowder at a mill in Delaware in 1802, and now has more than 60,000 employees at offices and operations in more than 90 countries. The company has grown to serve a range of markets, including agriculture, nutrition, biosciences, electronics, communications, safety, construction and apparel.

"Our safety depends on every single person in this plant taking the time to understand and think through every task, every time," said Brian Long, plant manager. "It requires us to keep our heads in the game and come to work with an attitude of safety."

The DuPont Louisville Works plant is the largest manufacturing facility in the world for DuPont™ Freon® brand products. Freon® 22 is a refrigerant for freezers and air conditioners, and Freon® 23 is used as a fire-extinguishing agent. The plant also makes vinyl fluoride and hydrochloric acid. The facility has approximately 180 employees.

The Labor Cabinet presents the Governor's Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of DuPont, the requirement is 500,000 hours.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor's Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear's efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to significantly reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky's dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky's successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state's collective health.

For more on the Governor's Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on DuPont, visit [www.dupont.com](http://www.dupont.com).

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